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Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

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Executive Director

NOTE FOR: Director, OEA

FROM: EA/ExDir

Billy,

FYI: Any request for briefings or other support for PFIAB should be arranged through this office to ensure DCI/DDCI/ExDir are aware of PFIAB concerns, appropriate support is provided, etc. I am waiting for calls from Bob and Karen to see how the attached session came about.

John wants to make sure you're aware of the attached to make sure that the timing of any individual PFIAB contacts with Congress (see paragraph 2) is not counterproductive.

Meanwhile, if your staff receives any direct requests for PFIAB support, would you remind them to refer them to this office.

Thanks,



Attachment

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of ^{Members of} the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board
(PFIAB) re FOIA

DATE: 22 May 1982

PLACE: Old Executive Office Building

PARTICIPANTS: [redacted] Chief, House Liaison
[redacted] Office of General Counsel
Admiral Thomas Moorer, Former Chief of Naval Operations and
Advisor to President Reagan on Military Affairs
Peter O'Donnell, Dallas Banker
Robert Six, Continental Airlines

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1. Upon the specific request of Admiral Moorer, the undersigned accompanied by [redacted] met with members of the PFIAB listed above for purposes of providing them with a briefing as to the Agency's need for legislative relief under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The briefing consisted of a point-by-point rundown of why the Agency is seeking FOIA relief as well as a review of the two possible avenues available for legislative relief.

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2. With regard to the first matter, such items as incompatibility, administrative burden, perception, judicial review, benefits derived from FOIA to the American public, and the role of the Oversight Committees were discussed. Concerning the second matter, the undersigned outlined the basic parameters of the Administration-approved total exemption approach as well as S. 1273, the Chafee Bill. Messrs. Moorer, O'Donnell, and Six, who constitute some of the Members of the PFIAB's FOIA Subcommittee, were most grateful for the analysis and briefing. They appeared quite anxious to move the matter of FOIA legislative relief along but did see the need to time the release of the total exemption package so as not to conflict with efforts to have the Identities Bill finally enacted. Additionally, each of the PFIAB Members present noted that--in their individual capacities--they would personally make contact with Members of Congress whom they think will be favorable to our approach. Admiral Moorer asked that an update briefing be given to the Members of his Subcommittee within the next two months.

3. The undersigned made available to the participants a copy of the "Comparison of Total FOIA Exemption vs the Chafee Approach" as well as a copy of the DCI's 21 September 1981 testimony before the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution. All members present expressed their thanks for the briefing and the papers provided and seemed quite eager to have the Administration's FOIA package introduced with a view to garnering support in the 98th Congress.

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